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1. Met with Sam Archibald of the Moss Information Subcommittee staff concerning the possible declassification of an OSS report entitled, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Archibald stated he was going to discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr. Moss, and he hoped this would end the matter but possibly he would be in touch with us again on an informal basis.

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2. [REDACTED] telephoned stating that Building Planning Staff had received an inquiry from Senator Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) concerning the award of the CIA building contract. [REDACTED] was assured that Building Planning Staff was free to handle the inquiry in any way they saw fit and that the Agency was not placing any restrictions on communications with the Congress.

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3. Telephoned Bill Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to advise that Mr. Amory's talk in South Carolina was not a prepared speech and a transcript was not taken. Mr. Darden was appreciative of the information.

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4. Mr. Leach in the office of Senator John Sparkman (D., Ala.) called concerning the application of [REDACTED] It was Mrs. Leach's impression that the only step which remained before her appointment could be effected was her security clearance. He asked if there was any way in which her clearance could be hurried inasmuch as

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6. Attempted to deliver the fact sheet on the award of the contract for the CIA building to various Senators and Representatives. Copies were left as indicated:

Spoke with Francis Hewitt and left a copy for Senator Hayden.

Spoke with Bill Darden and left copies for Senators Russell and Stennis and at Darden's suggestion left one for Senator Francis Case.

In lieu of Kenneth Sprankle, talked with Paul Wilson and left copies for Representatives Taber and Cannon.

Saw Sam Crosby and left copies for Representatives Sheppard and Mahon.

Saw Robert Smart and left copies for Representatives Vinson and Kilday.

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7. In talking with Bill Darden, staff member, Senate Armed Services Committee, he inquired if there was a copy of Mr. Amory's South Carolina speech available. I told him we would check and advise.

8. In talking with Sam Crosby, House Appropriations Committee, concerning the building I informed him that the Director would be out of town from 3 April to 10 April, having in mind that he had spoken to Ed Saunders earlier about possible budget hearings. Mr. Crosby then stated that the Director should be alerted that probably the budget hearings will come early in the week of 13 April.

9. Gave Francis Hewitt, House Appropriations Committee staff, a copy of Ransom's book, Central Intelligence and National Security.

Copies sent by courier to Byrd, Robertson & Brophill

CIA Contracts Are Awarded

Associated Press

Chas. H. Tompkins Co., Washington, and J. A. Jones Construction Co., Charlotte, N. C., previously announced as low bidders, were awarded a \$33,287,600 contract for construction of the new headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency at Langley, Va.

Otis Elevator Co. of Washington was awarded a \$1,088,512 contract for elevators and another of \$34,157 for escalators in the building. Previously, contracts totaling more than \$3 million were awarded for preparation of the site and construction of foundations.